

## Amendments to the Claims

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43. (Currently Amended) A method for analyzing a population of RNA comprising the steps of:

producing a population of first strand cDNA from a population of RNA, wherein said method employs a primer having a first portion which is complementary to a plurality of RNA molecules in said population, and a second portion comprising a promoter sequence, wherein the first portion is 3' to said second portion;

synthesizing second strand cDNA complementary to said population of first strand cDNA by extending random oligomers, to form a population of double stranded cDNA;

creating a population of cRNA from said double stranded cDNA;

hybridizing the population of cRNA to an array; and

analyzing a resulting hybridization pattern.

44. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said population of RNA comprises poly(A+) RNA.

45. (Previously Added) The method of claim 44, wherein said poly(A+) RNA comprises mRNA.

46. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said population of RNA comprises total RNA.

47. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said promoter sequence comprises a phage T3 promoter.

48. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said promoter sequence comprises a phage SP6 promoter.

49. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said promoter sequence comprises a phage T7 promoter.

50. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said random oligomers are of a uniform length.

51. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said random oligomers comprise hexamers.

52. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said random oligomers are between 6 and 15 nucleotides in length.

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cont. 53. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said second strand cDNA is synthesized using the Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase I.

54. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said second strand cDNA is synthesized using T4 DNA polymerase.

55. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said second strand cDNA is synthesized using *E. coli* DNA polymerase I alone or in conjunction with a DNA ligase.

56. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said first portion of said primer comprises a poly deoxythymidylate (poly dT) sequence.

57. (Canceled)

58. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said population of cRNA is synthesized using an RNA polymerase.

59. (Canceled)

60. (Previously Added) The method of claim 44, wherein said RNA is isolated from an eukaryotic cell or tissue.

61. (Previously Added) The method of claim 60, wherein said eukaryotic cell or tissue is mammalian.

62. (Previously Added) The method of claim 61, wherein said mammalian cell or tissue is human.

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63. (Previously Added) The method of claim 44, wherein said RNA is isolated from a source selected from the group consisting of dissected tissue, microdissected tissue, a tissue subregion, a tissue biopsy sample, a cell sorted population, a cell culture, and a single cell.

64. (Previously Added) The method of claim 44, wherein said RNA is isolated from a cell or tissue source selected from the group consisting of brain, liver, heart, kidney, lung, spleen, retina, bone, lymph node, endocrine gland, reproductive organ, blood, nerve, vascular tissue, and olfactory epithelium.

65. (Previously Added) The method of claim 44, wherein said RNA is isolated from a cell or tissue source selected from the group consisting of embryonic and tumorigenic.

66. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, further comprising:  
labeling said population of cRNA.

67. (Previously Added) The method of claim 66, wherein said labeling is selected from the group consisting of biotinylation, fluorescent labeling, and radiolabeling.

68. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, further comprising:

contacting said population of cRNA with a solid support comprising nucleic acid probes.

69. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 43 68, further comprising:

detecting the presence or absence of hybridization of said population of cRNA to said nucleic acid probes on said solid support.

70. (Previously Added) The method of claim 69, wherein said solid support comprising nucleic acid probes is selected from the group consisting of a nucleic acid probe array, a membrane blot, a microwell, a bead, and a sample tube.

71. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said first strand cDNA is synthesized using a polymerase that has reverse transcriptase activity.

72. (Previously Added) The method of claim 71, wherein said reverse transcriptase is selected from the group consisting of avian myeloblastosis virus (AMV) reverse transcriptase, Moloney murine leukemia virus (MMuLV) reverse transcriptase, and Rous Sacroma Virus (RSV) reverse transcriptase.

73. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 55, wherein the first strand cDNA is synthesized using a polymerase that has reverse transcriptase activity and wherein said reverse transcriptase is selected from the group consisting of avian myeloblastosis virus (AMV) reverse transcriptase, Moloney murine leukemia virus (MMuLV) reverse transcriptase, and Rous Sacroma Virus (RSV) reverse transcriptase.

74. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said population of cRNA is produced using *in vitro* transcription.

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75. (Canceled)

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76. (Previously Added) The method of claim 43, wherein said second strand cDNA is synthesized using a DNA polymerase.

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